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135 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204PATENT APPLICATIONIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group:: 3632 }
Atty. Docket: 8266-0371 }
Applicants: Metz, et al. }
Title: MEDICAL DEVICE }
SUPPORT ASSEMBLY }
Serial No.: 09/629,524 }
Filed: August 1, 2000 }
Examiner: Chan, K. }

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on December 21, 2001D. Cwiklinski
D. CwiklinskiDated: Dec. 21, 2001RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 24, 2001, please amend the above-noted application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as ATTACHMENT A.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)) | 87 | 37* | 50 | \$18 | \$900 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 13 | 5** | 8 | \$84 | \$672 |
| If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here. | | | | SMALL ENTITY TOTAL | NO |
| TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS | | | | | \$1,572 |

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An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

Information Disclosure Statement _____

TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$1,572

X A check in the amount of \$1,572 to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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